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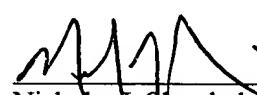
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect Group I claims 1-8 and 20 with traverse. Applicants submit that the inventions of Groups I and II are not both independent and distinct as required for restriction to be proper under Section 121 of the Patent Act. Further it is believed that the inventions of Groups I and II are sufficiently related that the search of both groups should be substantially co-extensive. For example, the method of the claims of Group I may be used in the method of identifying an agent in the claims of Group II. It is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden to the Examiner even though it may include claims to independent or distinct inventions as noted by the Examiner in the Restriction Requirement. See MPEP Section 803.

Respectfully submitted,

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